

REMARKS

The claims now in the application are claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 14-16, 19, 21, 24, 27 and 29.

The claims have been amended so as to remove alkyl groups from the compositions.

Thus, the only basis for rejection of the claims in the Office Action dated February 10, 2005 in the parent application has been overcome by the above amendments. Neither Herber et al. in US 3,976,585 nor Herber et al. in US 3,941,709 teach or suggest the presently claimed compositions.

The problems encountered in the use of the prior art compositions were noted in Amendment A of the parent application and are incorporated herein by reference. The novel compositions now claimed are not obvious because of the differences in substituent groups of the presently claimed epoxies. Also, the advantages with respect to these compositions over the prior art compositions noted in the record and the data in the application provide substantial showing of non-obviousness of the presently claimed compositions over the prior art.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections on the basis of Herber et al. 3,976,585 and Herber et al. US 3,941,709 and to pass the application to issue at the earliest convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants' request for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) as well as Applicants' petition fee are enclosed herewith and filed simultaneously with this response.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone

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Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

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